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TAGS: PFOR, HO, UY

SUBJ: URUGUAYAN PRESS COVERAGE OF UNITED BRAND'S SECRET PAYMENTS  
TO HONDURAN OFFICIALS

REF: STATE 079470

1. THE STORY OF UNITED BRAND'S PAYMENTS TO HONDURAN OFFICIALS  
HAS RECEIVED A MODERATE AMOUNT OF COVERAGE ON THE INSIDE PAGES  
OF ALL THREE OF URUGUAY'S MORNING DAILIES. ALL STORIES ARE  
NON-PLIEMICAL.

2. THE LAST OF LA MANANA'S FOUR STORIES ON THE SUBJECT DEVOTED  
A FEW PARAGRAPHS TO ROGERS' "STRONGLY-WORDED" LETTER TO THE LAW  
FIRM REPRESENTING UB. EL DIA AND EL PAIS RAN TOTAL OF FOUR ARTI-  
CLES EMPHASIZING THE FORMATION OF THE INVESTIGATORY COMMISSION.  
NO STORIES APPEARED APRIL 15, ALTHOUGH ONE PAPER CARRIED A LET-  
TER FROM A HONDURAN EMBASSY ON THE CREATION OF THE INVESTIGATIGATORY  
COMMISSION. ON APRIL 16 A VERY BRIEF WIRE SERVICE STORIE ON  
HONDURAS' INTENTION TO SUE THE WALL STREET JOURNAL WERE PUBLISHED.

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3. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS APPEARED AND PUBLIC REACTION HAS BEEN

VIRTUALLY NIL.  
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